

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, April 20, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

“ Bowleggs Town Seewaney ” April 20, 1818.

My love. My last has, I hope reached you, by which you have been informed I was then on my way to this place I reached it on the evening of the 16th having marched Twenty miles, the negroes and Indians made a faint resistance against my left column who was endeavouring to turn their right, whilst the right was attempting to cut them from the river, and my center moving quikly to the attack in front, the poor deluded wretches perceived the danger that threatened, precipitated themselves into the river, where they must have suffered from the brisk fire of the indians. here we obtained a few cattle, and about three thousand bushels of corn, we marched from St marks on the 9th with 8 days provisions, and this was a providential supply, the truth is that we have been fed like the Iseralites of old in the wilderness.

The hand of heaven has been pointed against the excitors of this war, every principle villain has been either killed or taken, I am waiting for a report from Lt Gadsden who went on command yesterday, as soon as recd I take up the line of march to return to St Marks. I think I may say that the Indian war is at an end for the present, they enemy is scattered over the whole face of the Earth, and at least one half must starve and die with disesease. I am advised that there are a few red sticks west of the appelachecola, should this be true, I will have to disperse them, this done I shall commence my Journey home, I am allmost on foot, I almost dispair of getting my favourite old duke home. I have a present of a cow for you, if I can get her home, with which you will be pleased. I have no time to say more, kiss

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my two boys for me and present me affectionately to all friends and say to Rachel Butler that her Colo. is well May the gods bless you and sons with heal[t]h untill I return—adieu an affectionate adieu.